In the Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for language enhancement, comprising:

    receiving text;

    identifying grammatical constructs within the text; and

    enhancing the received text by suggesting at least one alternate text portion from a user-selected style profile for at least one original portion of the text, the alternate text portion being consistent with the grammatical constructs of the original portion and having substantially the same meaning as the original portion but conveying a different impression.

2. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the alternate text portion, when substituted for the original portion generates grammatically correct text.

3. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the alternate text portion includes at least one adjective for a noun from the original portion.

4. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the alternate text portion includes at least one synonym for an idiom from the original portion.

5. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the alternate text portion includes at least one idiom for the original portion.

6. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the alternate text portion includes at least one adverb for a verb from the original portion.

7. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the original portion of text is a single word.

8. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the original portion of text is a clause.

9. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the original portion of text is an idiom.

10. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the alternate text portion is compliant with a selected style.

11. (Original) The method of claim 10 wherein the selected style is a legal style.

12. (Original) The method of claim 10 wherein the selected style is a scientific style.

13. (Original) The method of claim 10 wherein the selected style is a medical style.

14. (Currently Amended) Language enhancement apparatus, comprising:

      a memory for storing text;

      a natural language parser for identifying grammatical constructs within the text; and

      a natural language enricher for enhancing the text by suggesting at least one alternate text portion from a user-selected style profile for at least one original portion of the text, the alternate text portion being consistent with the grammatical constructs of the original portion and having substantially the same meaning as the original portion but conveying a different impression.

15. (Original) The apparatus of claim 14 wherein the alternate text portion, when substituted for the original portion generates grammatically correct text.

16. (Original) The apparatus of claim 14 wherein the alternate text portion includes at least one adjective for a noun from the original portion.

17. (Original) The apparatus of claim 14 wherein the alternate text portion includes at least one synonym for an idiom from the original portion.

18. (Original) The apparatus of claim 14 wherein the alternate text portion includes at least one idiom For the original portion.

19. (Original) The apparatus of claim 14 wherein the alternate text portion includes at least one adverb for a verb from the original portion.

20. (Original) The apparatus of claim 14 wherein the original portion of text is a single word.

21. (Original) The apparatus of claim 14 wherein the original portion of text is a clause.

22. (Original) The apparatus of claim 14 wherein the original portion of text is an idiom.

23. (Original) The apparatus of claim 14 wherein the alternate text portion is compliant with a selected style.

24. (Original) The apparatus of claim 23 wherein the selected style is a legal style.

25. (Original) The apparatus of claim 23, wherein the selected style is a scientific style.

26. (Original) The apparatus of claim 23 wherein the selected style is a medical style.

27. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable storage medium storing program code for causing a computer to perform the steps of:
    receiving text;
    identifying grammatical constructs within the text; and
    enhancing the received text by suggesting at least one alternate text portion from a user-selected style profile for at least one original portion of the text, the alternate text portion being consistent with the grammatical constructs of the original portion and having substantially the same meaning as the original portion but conveying a different impression.

28. – 38. (Canceled)

39. (Currently Amended) A web service comprising:

receiving a request including one or more sentences of natural language text;

deriving at least one suggestion for enhancing the one or more sentences <u>from a user-selected style profile, the at least one suggestion conveying a different impression but retaining substantially the same meaning</u>; and

returning a response including the at least one suggestion.

40. (Original) The web service of claim 39 wherein the at least one suggestion is encoded using a first parameter to designate a word position within a sentence, a second parameter to designated an action, a third parameter to designate a priority, and a fourth parameter to designate at least one word.

41. (Original) The web service of claim 40 wherein possible actions include replace, delete, insert, before and insert after.

42. (Original) The web service of claim 40 wherein possible priorities include must, recommended and optional.

43. (Original) The web service of claim 40 wherein the fourth parameter is a reference to at least one word residing within a dictionary of words.

44. (Original) The web service of claim 43 wherein the dictionary of words resides in a dictionary server computer.

45. (Original) The web service of claim 39 wherein the at least one suggestion is ranked according to a usage frequency.

46. (Original) The web service of claim 39 wherein possible suggestions include replacement of a key word within a sentence with an idiom.

47. (Original) The web service of claim 46 wherein the idiom has a similar meaning as the key

word.

48. (Original) The web service of claim 46 wherein possible suggestions include modification of text associated with the key word.

49. (Original) The web service of claim 48 wherein modification of text associated with the key word includes deletion of an adverb preceding the key word.

50. (Original) The web service of claim 48 wherein modification of text associated with the key word includes deletion of an adjective preceding the key word.

51. (Original) The web service of claim 48 wherein modification of text associated with the key word includes deletion of a preposition preceding the key word.

52. (Original) The web service of claim 48 wherein modification of text associated with the key word includes deletion of a verb preceding the key word.

53. (Original) The web service of claim 46 wherein possible suggestions include insertion of a connecting verb before the idiom.

54. – 89. (Canceled).